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Professor Tapped as Interim BCC Head

By CAROL ADAMSON
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Pending official approval, Harry Amana, associate journalism and mass communication professor, will temporarily take the helm of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

BCC Director Gerald Horne said Sunday that he would step down from the job to spend a year at the University of Hong Kong on a Fulbright professorship. Horne said he would accept the

post after passing a required physical examination.

Horne said he personally asked Amana to fill the position because of Amana's extensive experience with the organization and its fund-raising efforts to establish a freestanding center.

"He has a long-standing relationship with the BCC," Horne said. "He was involved with (the fund-raising) project since the beginning in 1998."

"He'll do well because he has a very wide-ranging knowledge of African-

American culture. He also has a warm personality which I think is necessary for such a position."

Marjorie Crowell, who works with the development office at the BCC, said Amana's past work with the



Journalism professor
Harry Amana

center would allow fund raising to continue as it had in the past.

"Harry Amana will be a wonderful leader in the interim," Crowell said. "He's been very involved with the center and the advisory board, and I think that he will continue the vision set by Gerald Horne."

Under Horne's leadership for the past three and a half years, the BCC began raising funds for a freestanding BCC.

Horne said the change would not affect the fund-raising efforts for the free-

standing BCC.

"I don't think it will have that significant an effect because the development office has been working very hard on the fund-raising effort ..."

Amana said his duties as future BCC director were not yet decided since nothing was official. Despite the increase in workload, he said he would continue teaching while running the BCC.

While officials are confident in the upcoming transition at the center, Horne's departure has left some students

making new plans for next year.

A group of students was scheduled to take a trip to South Africa with Horne next fall as part of the Burch Research Seminar. Horne said the trip would have to be postponed until his return, he said.

Amana's position will become official once School of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean Richard Cole agrees to changing Amana's role.

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BOG Endorses Vote For Student Member

By ÅSTA YTRÉ
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RALEIGH – The fate of a proposal to allow future UNC Association of Student Government presidents a vote on the Board of Governors now lies with the N.C. General Assembly after the board passed the resolution Friday.

The proposal from the ASG was passed with a 19-3 vote by a show of hands. ASG President Jeff Nieman said he was very pleased with the outcome.

"This is an absolute victory on this stage," he said.

Nieman continued the fight begun in earnest by John Dervin, ASG president in 1996-97, for a voting position on the BOG when he took the position as president.

Jim Phillips, chairman of the BOG Public Affairs Committee, presented the resolution and spoke strongly in favor of giving the student member the vote.

He said he wanted to make two things clear to the board. First, he argued that the endorsement by the

board did not affect the student member's status. This can only be done by the N.C. General Assembly. "This recommendation does not put the resolution on the board's legislative agenda; it merely endorses the proposal," he said.

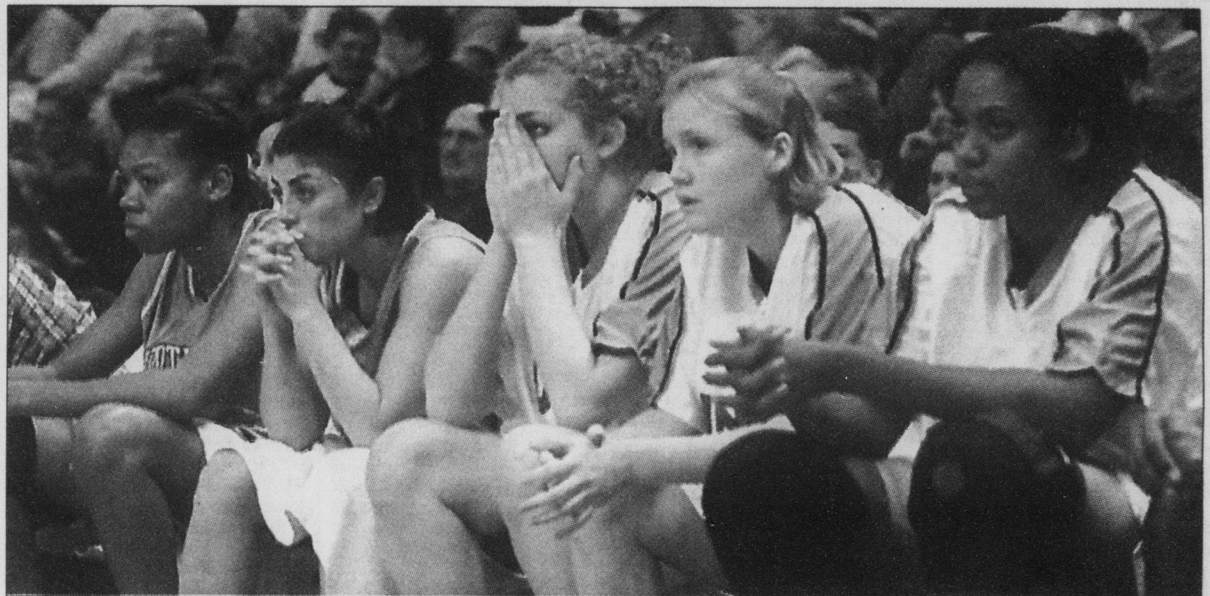
Those in favor of the resolution saw the initiative as an opportunity to give the students a voice. "These days the lack of vote is an indication of second-class citizenship," BOG member Helen Ryne Marvin said. "Endorsing this proposal shows that we respect the integrity of the student representative."

But board member Ray Farris spoke against the proposal. He said the student member should not get to vote because of the position's one-year term as opposed to the four-year terms of other members, and because he or she was voted in by the students and not appointed by the legislature.

"The student representative is accountable to the students but not to the members of the legislature," Farris

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UNHAPPY ENDING



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North Carolina's Natasha Davis (left), Jessica Gaspar, Maggie Goloboy, Leah Sharp and LaShonda Allen watch as the Tar Heels' season comes to an end at the hands of Purdue in the Midwest Regional semifinal game in Normal, Ill. UNC made its third consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 and finished the year 28-8. For complete coverage, see Page 14.

Nic's Picks: 2 Students Nab Posts

New student body officers will begin to shadow the present officers in Suite C to learn office procedures.

By AMY STEPHENS
Staff Writer

Student Body President-elect Nic Heinke lined up new officers Sunday as the first step organizing his administration for next year.

Heinke chose Monika Moore as vice president-select and Lerissa Rentas as secretary-select Sunday because he said both had extensive experience in student government.

"It was especially difficult because each candidate was qualified and had specific qualities that made them special," he said.

Heinke said Moore, a junior political science and English major from Statesville, was the best candidate for the vice president position. "She is absolutely incredible – someone I feel comfortable with representing me and this campus."

Moore has experience on various University committees including serving as co-chairwoman of the Academic Advising Reform committee and a member of the Student Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees.

Rentas, a sophomore psychology

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BOG Gives Thumbs Up to Systemwide Tuition Hike

By HEATHER TODD
Staff Writer

RALEIGH – Students could be paying more for school next year, thanks to a tuition hike approved by the Board of Governors Friday.

According to the budget request, undergraduate tuition will go up by 4.9 percent for in-state students next year, an amount ranging from \$38 to \$72, depending on the campus. UNC-Chapel Hill students' tuition will jump the highest, from \$1,456 to \$1,528.

But it is the 8.4 percent increase, an additional \$122, for resident graduate and professional students at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University, that has sparked complaints.

"I think anytime you increase the cost of education you compromise access to the University," said Lee Conner, Graduate and Professional Student Federation president-elect at UNC-CH.

Despite the graduate students' efforts, including an e-mail campaign, the vote met no opposition from the BOG and passed without discussion.

BOG student representative Jeff Nieman presented the only remarks about the increase at the meeting.

"I wanted to state for the record that there has been a significant, well-balanced effort on behalf of graduate students in opposition to the graduate increase," he said.

The plan will raise \$7.8 million for the system schools, \$1.3 million more than Gov. Jim Hunt proposed in his budget.

Conner said he was concerned that the increased revenue would not be used to benefit those paying for it.

"We are planning to lobby the legislature to let them know it is unfair to single us out," he said.

All tuition increases approved by the BOG must be approved by the N.C. General Assembly.

The original tuition recommendations did not include any increases for out-of-state students, but board members felt that proposal would not receive approval from the state legislature. Instead, the BOG decided that out-of-state students' tuition would not be raised by a certain percentage, but by a

specific dollar amount that equalling the amount paid by in-state students.

The 4.9 percent undergraduate increase seemed reasonable to most students, UNC-CH Student Body President Reyna Walters said.

"(Student approval) is something I thought was important," she said.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said the increase was consistent with the policy adopted by the BOG in the fall when it met to discuss tuition issues.

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UNC to Unveil Revamped Web Site Today

By ALEXANDRA MOLLAIRE
Staff Writer

A collage of colorful images depicting student life, campus buildings and scenery adorns a redesigned UNC home page that will be unveiled this week.

University Relations in the division of University Advancement will display a proposed UNC Web site today that staff, students, faculty and alumni can now only preview through a link at the bottom of UNC's current Web site.

Alison Duncan, a graphic designer in the University Relations office of Design Services, said she had worked extensively on the site's new look. "We're designing a more sophisticated look to make our site look comparable to those of other universities. We want to recruit the best students and faculty."

Dana Bayley, the design coordinator, said many people outside the University were having trouble locating information on the current site. She said questions ranged from the use of copyrighted products to finding maps of UNC.

Scott Jared, the publications coordinator for University Relations, said the site was a work-in-progress. "A lot of work has gone into this, but it's still in its infancy," he said. "We're having this

weeklong unveiling so all users can tell us what they think about it."

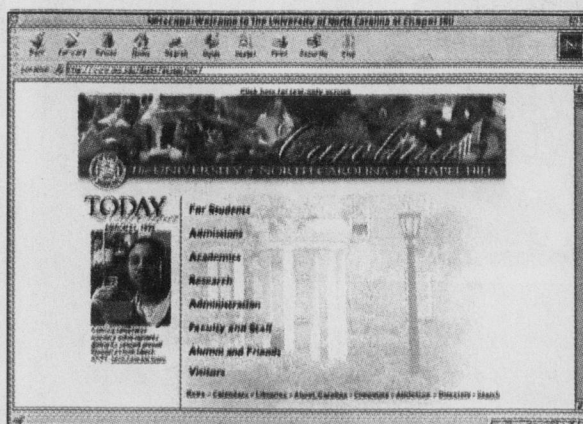
Web users are encouraged to submit their comments through a form linked to the proposed site's main page. They hope to have the new Web site out by the end of April, but there is no definite deadline, he said.

University Relations will oversee the site's graphic design and content while Academic Technology & Networks handles the technical side of the pages.

Jared said the process for the proposed site started last year when former Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd formed a Web Advisory Committee. The committee recommended the University hire a market research firm to help prepare the new site, but the University could not afford it, he said. So, officials decided to get feedback from Web users themselves, he said.

The new site contains enhanced visual appeal and makes information easier to find, Jared said. The main links were reorganized so users could learn more quickly about the University.

The main page also contains a list of the new pages such as visitors and admissions. When the cursor is moved on each listing, a short description of each page appears to the right of the listing. The top of the proposed home page



UNC's new Web site is accessible by a link at the bottom of the current Web site. Students are invited to post opinions about the new site.

and each second-level page contains a collage representing that aspect of University life. The main page has the heading "Today at Carolina" with a picture of a student showcasing a current UNC event.

"This week, we'll change the picture every day," Duncan said. When the new site is permanent, the picture will prob-

ably be changed every week, she said.

Bayley said, "(The web page) is usually the first point of contact (with UNC) for outsiders," she said. "Carolina is beautiful. We wanted people to see some of that when they got to our page."

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INSIDE Monday

Leader of the Pack

The Board of Governors named James Renick as the next chancellor of N.C. A&T State University. Renick currently serves as chancellor and professor of public administration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He will start his new job in mid-July. See Page 5.

Getting Plugged In

More and more political candidates are starting to campaign on the Internet. Steve Forbes took Web politicking to a new level last week when he announced his candidacy for president online. See Page 6.

Spotlight on Diversity

Both Women's Week and the Queer Network for Change's Celebration Week are planned for this week. Daily Pit-sits and a joint march highlight the week's events. See Page 2.

Today's Weather

Partly cloudy;
Upper 50s.
Tuesday: Partly cloudy;
Lower 60s.

It is no rest to be idle.

Paul Peel